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Memorandum by the Secretary-General

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1. GERMAN ADVISORY COUNCIL ON GLOBAL CHANGE

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Category requested: Roster

Date established: May 1992

Membership: National organization, with 12 individual members

Summary of financial statement for year 1996:
(Deutsche mark (DM) · US$ 1 = DM 1.50)

Income	DM
Membership dues	0
Governments	2 500 000
Intergovernmental organizations	0
Other non-governmental organizations	0
Contracts	0
Other sources: publications (approximate)	1 000
Total income	**2 501 000**
Expenditures	
Administration (secretariat)	700 000
Projects (publications, press releases, media activities, reports and so on)	200 000
Other expenses (Council)	1 600 000
Total expenditure	**2 500 000**

Aims and activities; participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

The German Advisory Council on Global Change is an independent body of 12 eminent scientists. The Council is supported by about 20 scientists of various disciplines, all with special expertise and competence on different aspects of sustainable development.

The Council shall advise the German Government on appropriate policies on sustainable development and the implementation of Agenda 21; the Council shall also inform the national and international public on various aspects of global change, thereby contributing to public education and to the change of lifestyles in order to achieve the overall aim of sustainable development.

Since its inception in 1992, the Council has published several reports, including four annual reports on global change, along with several special reports such as the reports to the Conference of the Parties to the 1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, at its first and second sessions, and various press releases, for example, on the United Nations World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought. All reports are published in English and German; selected information material is also available in French and Spanish. Several policy proposals advanced by the Council have been widely discussed in the German Government as well as in the general public and the academic community, such as the Council's call for an international framework convention on soils.

The Council is independent of any governmental intervention and does not seek any profits. The Council also actively promotes close interrelationship with parliament, non-governmental organizations, universities, research institutions and the media.

Owing to its global and integrative approach, the Council is in full support of the ideals of the Charter of the United Nations and views a close cooperation with the United Nations system as essential. The views of the United Nations have been extensively documented in the Council's reports, and sometimes also supported by the Council's own independent conclusions, such as the United Nations Secretary-General's recent call for a global consensus on freshwater resources advanced in United Nations document E/CN.17/1997/9 which will be extensively debated in our coming report on "The threat to the world's freshwater resources".

Members and research scientists of the Council regularly took part as observers in international negotiations in the field of sustainable development including, inter alia, all sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), meetings of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development and others. For most of these events, the Council has issued press releases in German and English, which have been circulated at the respective conferences. Moreover, members and research scientists of the Council regularly took part, as observers, in the work of the non-governmental organization community, at the German, European and international level.

2. CONFEDERATION OF GERMAN FOREST OWNERS ASSOCIATIONS

Address: Meckenheimer Allee 77, 53115 Bonn, Germany
Tel.: 0049/228/692023
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Category requested: Special.

Date established: 9 August 1950.

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 1.3 million individual members, and 14 organizational members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	248 685
Other income	38 038
Total	286 723
Expenditure	
Administration	303 313
Projects	
Other activities	6 563
Total	309 876

Aims and activities

The aims and purposes of the AGDW, that are fixed in its statutes, are:

- To promote and increase the efficiency of non-government forestry and to represent it;
- To represent the forests of private and corporate forest owners in all forums, especially with the federal authorities;
- To cultivate cooperation with the organs of the State, self-administration and the economy, industry and commerce, and to represent the forestry in this framework;
- To maintain forest property with its multiple functions and to strengthen it.

The aims and purposes are in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and the principles and criteria established under Council resolution 1996/31.

AGDW is concerned with matters falling within the competence of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies (see Council resolution 1996/31).

Participation in the work of the Council

Participation and attendance on international conferences and meetings dealing with environment, sustainability, forests and forestry, such as the Commission on Sustainable Development process.

Representation of 70 per cent of German forests and their owners.

To demonstrate and to play a part in the specialist expert know-how of forestry, because AGDW has the necessary competence in forestry. Therefore, AGDW is able to give statements and contributions at conferences and meetings. AGDW has special expertise and experience upon which the Council may wish to draw.

AGDW undertakes to support the work of the United Nations and to promote knowledge of its principles and activities, in accordance with its own aims and purposes and the nature and scope if its competence and activities. AGDW will make a significant contribution to the work of the Council. It reflects the major viewpoints in these fields in all areas and regions of the world in a balanced way.

AGDW enables the Council to secure expert information or advice from an organization with special competence in the subjects for which consultative arrangements are made. AGDW represents important elements of public opinion.

AGDW was involved in the expert level preparatory meetings of a ministerial conference on the protection of forests in Europe held in Portugal in February 1998, where it made some statements. This demonstrates the competence of the organization and the relevance of its activities to the work of the different United Nations conferences.

3. SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA

Address: 2295 Victory Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10314
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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(718) 727-8639 (Fax)
socus@undp.org (Email)

Category requested: General

Date established: Founded 29 May 1892; incorporated 27 June 1995

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 500,000 individual members and 500,000 organization members in 32 countries.

Summary of financial statement for July 1997-June 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	3 000
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	40 000
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	58 000
Total	101 000

Expenditure	
Administration	50 000
Projects	30 000
Other activities	13 000
Total	93 000

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

To make use of the Syrian Orthodox Church as an international organization to bring about world peace. To this end, we work to improve the spiritual condition of humankind as well as its economic, social and psychological life. We work to bring freedom of conscience to all without discrimination. People should enjoy the basic necessities of life. Minimally, people are to enjoy the right to food, shelter, economic security and education. Concern is given to the problems of drugs and mental health.

SOCA works for religious freedom and for understanding and cooperation among religious communities. There should be international standards. Special consideration is given to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Declaration on the

Elimination of Intolerance. We are concerned with community development, women and children, strengthening the family, disarmament and peace.

The resources of SOCA are used to bring about these goals and aims. Each church is a unit designed to implement the goals, wherever it is located throughout the world. The membership is pledged to the achievement of the organization's aims.

We are assisted by the students of our University of Antioch in educating the general public and providing for efficient workers. We carry out our mission through our publications and by our weekly cable telecasts.

It is our intention to attend the conferences sponsored by the Council. We would then implement into global operation the aims of the Council and make use of our resources in doing this. At the same time, the Council will be approached by our representative for guidance in what we are trying to accomplish in each specific country.

4. SOUTHERN STATES POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

Address: 1517 Southlake Parkway
Morrow, Georgia 30260
United States of America

Category requested: roster

Date established: 7 February 1987

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 16,407 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1997 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	2 172 509
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	250 284
Other income	3 777 809
Total	6 200 602

Expenditure

Administration	1 061 876
Projects	-
Other activities	4 874 651
Total	5 936 527

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The Association provides the following assistance for its members:

(a) Shooting scenes;

(b) Civil suits and criminal action;

(c) Salary replacement benefit;

(d) Legislative representation;

(e) Computer service;

(f) Pension consultants;

(g) Disciplinary representation;

(h) Credit union.

In the event NGA status is granted, SSPBA could become a model for other countries in protecting the rights and dignity of criminal justice employees. SSPBA can provide assistance to other countries developing their criminal justice system. It is a proven fact that when individuals working in the criminal justice system are treated fairly, they in turn treat their citizens in a fair and humane manner.

5. WORKING PARTY "BRUSSELS 1952"

Address: Secretariat: c/o CUNA
Corso Galileo Ferraris 61
I-10128 Torino
Italy

Category requested: special

Date established: 5 May 1952

Membership: International organization, with 61 individual members and 17 organization members in 16 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1996 (Italian lire)

Income

Membership dues	43 750 000
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income (CUNA contribution)	21 300 000
Total	65 050 000

Expenditure

Administration	63 800 000
Projects	-
Other activities	-
Total	63 800 000

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The major aims of the Working Party "Brussels 1952" (GTB) are the promotion of theoretical and practical studies and standardization of lighting and optical signalling devices on road and assimilated vehicles, including the installation and use of such devices. In the same context, GTB undertakes studies on the development of new technologies and their application. These major aims include the submission and presentation of proposals to Economic Commission for Europe Working Party 29 on the Construction of Vehicles and its subgroups.

The major means or activities to achieve these aims are the studies, research and testing of this technology by the members of GTB and the promotion and representation of the results by the officers of GTB to the Working Party and its subgroups, at the Commission of the European Union, and at other national or international governmental or non-governmental bodies.

Emphasis is placed on the role and the importance of the United Nations.

GTB intends to continue its past and current activities at ECE.

Since 1954, when ECE started negotiations on and development of the Agreement Concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions of Approval and Reciprocal Recognition of Approval for Motor Vehicle Equipment and Parts, done at Geneva on 20 March 1958 (E/ECE/324-E/ECE/TRANS/505 and Rev.1 and 2), the Working Party "Brussels 1952" has actively participated in ECE work on European legislation on the construction of vehicles. The Working Party "Brussels 1952" participated in all the meetings of the ECE Working Party on the Construction of Vehicles and in all the meetings of its subgroup on lighting; the first eight and 35 out of 103 regulations (annexes to the agreement mentioned above) are based on the work of and the contribution to WP29 by the Working Party "Brussels 1952".

In addition, the Working Party "Brussels 1952" distributes to its members and outside contacts full information on the work in the general and lighting and light signalling fields of the Working Party on the Construction of Vehicles and the resulting regulations (annexes to this agreement). When it or its members make presentations at some symposia and conferences, these presentations usually emphasize, among other things, the role of the Council and of ECE in the international legislative field of the construction of vehicles.